

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to this application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks that place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for considering claims 1-5 to be allowable over the art.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1-5 and the specification are amended, and claim 6 is added, without prejudice. No new matter is added.

It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinct from the prior art, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. The amendments to the claims find support throughout the specification. The specification was amended to correct two inadvertent typographical errors.

II. 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. The amendments to the claims render the rejection moot.

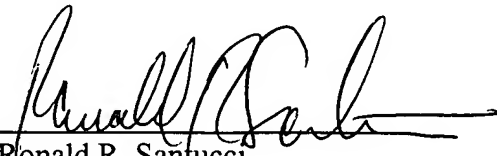
Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

By this submission, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are all earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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